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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: MNUC, MARR, JA

SUBJECT: VISIT OF ADM LAROCQUE

REF: TOKYO 8774

1. AT HIS REQUEST REAR ADMIRAL LAROCQUE (RET) CALLED AT DEPARTMENT ON JULY 11 AND DISCUSSED HIS IMPENDING TRIP TO JAPAN WITH JAPAN COUNTRY DIRECTOR SHERMAN AND ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY ZURHELLEN. LAROCQUE SAID THAT HE WOULD VISIT JAPAN FROM ABOUT AUGUST 2 THROUGH 11 PRIMARILY TO LEARN BUT ALSO TO CONVEY HIS FEELINGS ON DANGERS OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND ADVISABILITY OF WITHDRAWING US FORCES FROM JAPAN AND KOREA. HE SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO STAY OUT OF JAPANESE POLITICS AND DID NOT WISH TO "FOUL-UP" US-JAPAN RELATIONS. IF QUESTIONED ABOUT PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON US NAVAL VESSELS WHICH VISIT JAPAN, LAROCQUE SAID HE WOULD REPEAT STATEMENT HE  
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BUT WOULD NOT EXPAND ON THIS STATEMENT. WE TOLD HIM THAT EVEN REPETITION OF THIS STATEMENT WOULD PROBABLY GENERATE HEADLINES IN JAPAN AND THAT ISSUE WAS SO POLITICALLY SENSITIVE IN JAPAN THAT ANYTHING HE SAID ON SUBJECT WILL LIKELY EMBROIL HIM IN JAPANESE POLITICS. LAROCQUE SAID THAT HE SAW NO WAY TO AVOID REPEATING

STATEMENTS ALREADY IN THE PUBLIC RECORD. LAROCQUE SAID THAT IN OTHER TRIPS ABROAD HE HAD CALLED ON US AMBASSADORS AND WOULD PROBABLY REQUEST MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE IN TOKYO. HE PROMISED TO FORWARD A COPY OF HIS SCHEDULE TO DEPARTMENT WHICH WE WILL PASS TO EMBASSY TOKYO. HE WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY STAFF MEMBER DR. STEPHEN LEADER. WE UNDERSTAND HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH JSP DIET MEMBER HATA AND THAT HE INTENDS EMPLOY ONE OF HATA'S STAFF AS HIS INTERPRETER DURING VISIT.

2. COMMENT: LAROCQUE HAS ALSO MET WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AND IS SCHEDULED TO SEE FONOFF OFFICIALS SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN TOKYO. HE APPEARS SINCERE IN HIS DESIRE TO AVOID CREATING POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES IN JAPAN BUT GIVEN HIS OUTSPOKENESS AND THE INTENSE PRESSURE HE WILL PROBABLY BE SUBJECTED TO IN JAPAN WE ARE DOUBTFUL THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE COMPLETELY. INGERSOLL

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